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Hearing Set For Shaw Suit To Block Trial

A suit by Clay L. Shaw to block his trial on charges of conspiring to kill the late President John F. Kennedy will be heard by a three-judge federal court June 17, beginning at 10 a. m.

The date for trial of the suit was set yesterday at Federal District Court.

IT WILL BE heard by Federal District Judges Frederick J. R. Heebe and James A. Comiskey and Judge Robert A. Ainsworth Jr. of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Shaw seeks a permanent injunction preventing District Attorney Jim Garrison and his staff from prosecuting him in the state's Criminal District Court here and further asks that the findings of the Warren Commission on the Kennedy assassination be ruled valid and admissible as evidence to any court.

The suit will be heard by three judges because it attacks the constitutionality of various Louisiana laws which have been used in the prosecution of Shaw.

JUDGE HEEBE has called a pre-trial conference for Thursday at 10:30 a. m. The conference order directs the attorneys for both sides to file any and all motions prior to Thursday.

The order said, "No continuance will be granted in this matter except on a showing of good cause."

Among the motions to be considered at the conference Thursday will be one filed by Shaw's attorneys yesterday, asking that the court order Garrison's aids to answer questions they refused to answer at depositions last week.